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SUBJ: GOF REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS ON PACIFIC SERVICE

1. HONORABLE JONATI MAVOA, MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS, WORKS AND TOURISM, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM IN WASHINGTON WEEK BEGINNING JULY 19. MAVOA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BERENADO VUNIBOBO, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO US AND POSSIBLY AMBASSADOR SEMESA SIKIVOU (FROM NEW YORK).

2. GOF IS INTERESTED IN AIR SERVICE FROM US WEST COAST THAT WILL FLY VIA HAWAII AND AMERICAN SAMOA AND TERMINATE IN FIJI, WITH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES CONVENIENT TO PASSENGERS. THEY SEE THIS AS TYING IN WITH DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN FIJI AND IN OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDS, IN DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AIR SERVICE, AND IN DEVELOPMENT OF SMALLER ISLANDS IN FIJI GROUP. GOF IS NOT RPT NOT SUPPORTING APPLICATION OF ANY PARTICULAR AIRLINE, BUT WISHES TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO USG ON KIND OF SERVICE IT HOPES TO SEE BROUGHT INTO REGION. MINISTER MAVOA HOPES TO MEET DEPT OFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS OF ANY OTHER GOVT AGENCY THAT DEPT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. (DEPT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING AIR SERIVES AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME.)

3. VISIT IS SUPPORTED BY GOF AT HIGHEST LEVEL. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT PRIME MINISTER CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF MAKING
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TRIP HIMSELF BUT OTHER COMMITMENTS MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE

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DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS, WHEN GOF UNDERSTANDS DECISION ON
SOUTH PACIFIC ROUTE WILL BE REACHED.

4. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FULLEST ASSISTANCE TO
MINISTER MAVOA AND PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF JULY 19
IS SATISFACTORY DATE. FOR GOF DATE IS MOST SATISFACTORY,
SINCE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE VUNIBOBO WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING
IN BRUSSELS PREVIOUS WEEK AND CAN MEET MINISTER IN WASHINGTON.
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